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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RELEVANT PART OF WHITE HOUSE

PRESS BRIEFING SEPT. 27. :

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BEGIN QUOTE. MR. WARREN : THE PRESIDENT REASSERTED TO THE
UTMOST IMPORTANCE. HE BELIEVES THAT THIS TRADE BILL WHICH
IS NOW IN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE
SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO
IMPLEMENT THE TRADE AGREEMENT WE HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH THE
SOVIET UNION AND ALSO ENABLE US TO FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT
TO ROMANIA AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO
CONCLUDE BENEFICIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATE
TRADING COUNTRIES.

SO THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF THAT. SECRETARY KISSINGER
WAS IN THE MEETING, AS YOU KNOW, AS WAS AMBASSADOR EBERLE
AND ALSO AMBASSADOR PEARCE OF THE OFFICE OF TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS.

QUESTION : ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTS THE
JACKSON AMENDMENT?

MR. WARREN : NO, MA'AM, I AM NOT. I AM SAYING THE OPPOSITE.
I AM SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT AGAIN THIS MORNING SAID
THAT HE FELT THAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDED THE FULL
AUTHORITY WHICH HE ASKS FOR IN HIS TRADE BILL AND WE NEED
THAT TO IMPLEMENT THE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET
UNION AND IN OTHER TRADE AGREEMENTS.

ALONG THAT LINE, HE BELIEVES THAT, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER
SAID IN HIS TESTIMONY ON THE HILL, AND IN NEW YORK, THAT
WE MUST CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH OLD ADVERSARIES AND AT THE SAME TIME WE
MUST CONTINUE TO FURNISH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BASIC HUMAN DIGNITIES, AND IN
THE SEARCH FOR AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION WE MUST RECOGNIZE
THESE TWO GOALS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING.

ALONG THE LINES OF THE ACTION IN THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE YESTERDAY WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT AS THE BILL MAKES
THE PROGRESS THROUGH THE HOUSE AND THROUGH THE SENATE
THESE RESTRICTIONS CAN BE MODERATED....

QUESTION : IS THIS FORM OF CERTIFICATION AS THE BILL
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YESTERDAY PROVIDES, UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PRESIDENT, OR IS
THERE SOME FORM THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE?

MR. WARREN : I WOULD NOT AT THIS POINT BE ABLE TO
ANSWER THAT ANY OTHER WAY THAN TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT
IS REQUESTING FULL AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, HE WILL WORK AND
BILL TIMMONS AND HIS PEOPLE WILL WORK WITH THE CONGRESS,
ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR PEARCE AND AMBASSADOR EBERLE TO

WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT AND A TRADE BILL WHICH WILL ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PRESIDENT.

QUESTION : CAN YOU TELL US AT ALL WHAT AREAS THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE?

MR. WARREN : I AM NOT MOVING FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR FULL AUTHORITY. OBVIOUSLY WE WILL WORK WITH CONGRESS, IS THE POINT I AM MAKING.

QUESTION : CAN YOU ELABORATE FOR THE RECORD WHAT THE PRESIDENT MEANT WHEN HE SAID WE MUST CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH OLD ADVERSARIES AND AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST CONTINUE TO FURNISH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BASIC HUMAN DIGNITIES, AND IN THE SEARCH FOR AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION WE MUST RECOGNIZE THESE TWO GOALS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING.

MR. WARREN : I THINK THIS HAS BEEN ELOQUENTLY AND ADEQUATELY DISCUSSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND I WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON IT. I THINK HE HAS DISCUSSED THIS BOTH ON THE HILL AND IN NEW YORK, BOTH RECENTLY.
END QUOTE

2. AMBASSADOR PEARCE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 27 : BEGIN QUOTE. WE ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT OF THE TRA OF 1973. IT WOULD PROVIDE BROAD AUTHORITY FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IT WOULD GIVE US THE TOOLS WE NEED TO DEAL MORE PROMPTLY AND
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EFFECTIVELY WITH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RISING IMPORTS IN CERTAIN SECTORS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WOULD PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO COMPENSATE OUR TRADING PARTNERS WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE TEMPORARY RESTRAINTS ON ACCESS TO OUR MARKETS. IT WOULD ENABLE US TO FULFILL COMMITMENTS TO GIVE SPECIAL PREFERENCES TO MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ALL OF THIS WOULD HELP US DEAL CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH A GROWING LIST OF PROBLEMS BOTH AT HOME AND IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER TRADING NATIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO ACCEPT TRADE PROVISIONS OF THE JACKSON/VANIK AMENDMENT. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE CONCERNS THAT

APPARENTLY MOTIVATE ITS SPONSORS, WE DO NOT AGREE THAT
THIS IS A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO SOLVING THESE
PROBLEMS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS AMENDMENT MUST BE
RECONSIDERED AS THE BILL MOVES THROUGH THE CONGRESS.
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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